



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FORMER DOWBRANDS, INC. SITE,
300 South Main Street, Mauldin South Carolina**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until April 22, 2009.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 09-5797-NRP, will affect approximately 22.46 acres identified by tax map number M004010101700. Two Individuals known as Steve and Tiffany Gilliam want to buy the property from DowBrands, Inc., which is a division of the Dow Chemical Company. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the Gilliams.

The property has been used since 1956 as a manufacturing plant producing household cleaning products. Industrial wastewater from the process was treated in two lagoons on the property. The lagoons were closed in 1986, but environmental testing since then has found soil and groundwater contamination on the Property. The DowBrands Company has entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract with DHEC to test and remove the contamination.

The Gilliams have been leasing the property from DowBrands for use as warehouse and a distribution center. The Gilliams intend to now buy the property to continue these operations.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the Gilliams to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental pollution. The Gilliams did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use. DHEC will not hold the Gilliams responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, the Gilliams will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, the Gilliams will test samples of soil and groundwater from the property and will allow DowBrands to continue their environmental cleanup activities. If significant contamination is found, the Gilliams may be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. Public comments on the proposed contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until April 22, 2009. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, email stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4285, or Craig Dukes, email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov or

TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.